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1. PER SALMON/NOSENZO TELCON, JOSEPH NYE (DEPUTY TO UNDER
SECRETARY) INFORMED UK ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY MOBERLY
THAT WE HAD RECEIVED FOLLOWING FRENCH ASSURANCES REQUESTED
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BY BRITISH TO FACILITATE THEIR DECISION ON DEFERRING APRIL 1
URENCO RENEWAL OF NUCLEAR FUEL CONTRACTS WITH BRAZIL:
"FRANCE HAS PREVIOUSLY AGREED NOT TO TAKE COMMERCIAL
ADVANTAGE WITH REGARD TO THE FRG/BRAZIL AGREEMENT AND
RELATED NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORTS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE
CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH AS THE DEFERRAL BEING CONSIDERED BY THE
BRITISH."

2. FOR THE HAGUE: PLEASE ADVISE STATE SECRETARY KOOIJMANS AND OTHER GON OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE THAT GOF HAS AUTHORIZED US TO CONVEY ABOVE ASSURANCES TO FACILITATE DECISION TO DEFER APRIL 1 URENCO DECISION, IN LIGHT OF US VIEW THAT SUCH DEFERRAL WOULD FACILITATE NEGOTIATING PROCESS WITH BRAZIL. YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE ADDRESSED WITH BRITISH POSSIBLE DISCUSSIONS AMONG URENCO PARTNERS AT MARCH 25 EC MINISTERIALS IN ROME, AND EXPRESS STRONG US HOPE THAT URENCO WOULD DEFER NUCLEAR FUEL CONTRACTS IN LIGHT OF RECENT FRENCH ASSURANCES AND FACTORS REVIEWED IN NYE/KOOIJMANS CONSULTATIONS, PARTICULARLY NEED TO STIMULATE SERIOUS GOB CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES TO ENRICHMENT AND REPROCESSING TRANSFERS. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO US EFFORTS WITH BRAZIL IF DEFERRAL DID NOT SPECIFY NEW DATE FOR RENEWAL DECISION, SINCE NEW DATE COULD REDUCE GOB ANXIETIES BOUND TO ENSUE FROM DEFERRAL -- A POINT WELL UNDERSTOOD BY THE BRITISH.

3. FOR BONN: PLEASE CONFIRM TO FRG AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVELS THAT DUTCH DID SEEK US VIEWS ON URENCO NUCLEAR FUEL CONTRACTS WITH BRAZIL, WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY CAME UP IN MARCH 21-22 BILATERALS WITH BRITISH IN WASHINGTON. IN RESPONSE, US INDICATED THAT IT STRONGLY SUPPORTED CONTINUATION OF URENCO AS WELL AS URENCO FUELING OF FRG REACTORS IN BRAZIL, IN CONTEXT OF SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF PROPOSED SENSITIVE NUCLEAR TRANSFERS. IN ORDER TO AVOID CRYSTALLIZING MATTERS WHILE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO REACH MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS,

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US EXPRESSED HOPE THAT URENCO GOVERNMENTS COULD DEFER NUCLEAR FUEL CONTRACT DECISION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1, SO AS TO MAXIMIZE GOB INCENTIVES TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO US PROPOSALS. IF ASKED ABOUT FRENCH POSITION, YOU MAY EXPRESS GENERAL UNDERSTANDING THAT FRENCH ARE PREPARED TO JOIN US IN ASSURING URENCO THAT THEY WILL TAKE NO COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE OF FUEL CONTRACT DEFERRAL.

4. FOR ALL ADDRESSEES: DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO KNOW ASAP OUTCOME OF URENCO DISCUSSIONS ON FUEL CONTRACT RENEWAL DECISION.

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